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Erika Uyterhoeven receives endorsements from every labor union and progressive advocacy organization based in MA that has endorsed in the 27th Middlesex race

Whether a voter's top issue is climate change, labor, healthcare, public education, or reproductive justice, the people fighting for it are united behind Erika.

Erika Uyterhoven has gotten **endorsements from over 30 different organizations**, representing thousands of organizers and activists who are fighting on the front lines every day, working on the most pressing issues in our state. Of these endorsements, Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director of Mass Alliance said, **"It's pretty rare for a first time candidate to receive this many endorsements in their first run."**

"Now more than ever, the people of Massachusetts need leaders like Erika Uyterhoeven in the State House who share their values and prioritize their health and wellbeing," said Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, **President and CEO of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts**. "As a State Representative, Erika will do just that, protecting reproductive rights, dismantling barriers to care, and ensuring safe, legal abortion is accessible to all. The stakes have never been higher in the fight for reproductive rights and health care access, and the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund is proud to endorse and fight alongside Erika Uyterhoeven."

Erika has also received endorsements from groups organizing to make our political system work for the many, not the few. **"Erika is THE progressive candidate. She has a proven track record of fighting for working families and progressive values,"** said Nathanael Clauser, the Cochair of Our Revolution Somerville's Electoral Working Group, an organization focused on transforming politics and advancing a progressive agenda. "She organized with unions to pass The Student Opportunity Act, which secured \$1.5 billion for public education, and led the effort to block what would have been a disastrous \$37 million corporate tax break from being added to the FY2019 budget. Erika knows the ins of the State House and I'm confident that she will fight hard for Somerville when she gets there."

Climate groups across the state have also backed Erika as the climate candidate for Somerville. “We need climate champions in the State House, and **Erika is the candidate to advance the fight for a healthy planet and pass a Green New Deal in Massachusetts,**” said Scott Gilman, Electoral Team Lead of Sunrise Boston and Somerville resident. “Even before declaring her candidacy, she was fighting hard with Sunrise to pass legislation to stop the climate crisis. We trust her to make climate change a top priority for Massachusetts and to be an ally in the State House.”

“I am proud to have endorsements from so many groups in MA and Somerville that are fighting for progressive change and to make our state more equitable and sustainable,” said Erika Uyterhoeven. “It’s been a privilege to work alongside many of these folks to fight for public education, renewable energy, government transparency, and more. I am looking forward to continuing this work in order to bring progressive change to the State House and the state of Massachusetts”

The message from Massachusetts progressives is resoundingly clear: we need Erika Uyterhoeven fighting alongside us in the State House.

Erika has received endorsements from the following progressive groups and local officials:

- Progressive advocacy and political groups:
 - Planned Parenthood Action Fund of MA
 - Vote Pro-Choice
 - Our Revolution MA
 - Our Revolution Somerville
 - Progressive Massachusetts
 - Boston Democratic Socialists of America
 - Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts
 - Mass Alliance
 - Run En Mass
 - Run for Something
 - Mass Peace Action
 - MA Voters for Animals
 - New American Leaders Action Fund
- Climate groups:
 - Renew New England
 - Sunrise Boston
 - Sierra Club
 - 350 Mass Action
- Unions and frontline workers:

- Massachusetts AFL-CIO
- Laborer’s International Union of North America, Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborers’ District Council
- American Federation of Teachers - Massachusetts
- Boston Teachers Association
- Massachusetts Teachers Association
- Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Massachusetts Building Trades Council
- Service Employees International Union 1199
- Service Employees International Union Local 888
- Service Employees International Union 32BJ
- Elevator Constructors Local 4
- International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Works
- Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 6
- International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4
- Local officials:
 - Ben Ewen Campen (Ward 3 Somerville City Council)
 - Will Mbah (Councilor at large, Somerville City Council)
 - JT Scott (Ward 2 Somerville City Council)
 - Jesse Clingan (Ward 4 Somerville City Council)
 - Sarah Phillips (Ward 3 Somerville School Committee)

Erika Uyterhoeven is running for State Representative in the 27th Middlesex District in the Democratic Party primary on September 1st. To learn more about the campaign, visit www.electerika.com, Facebook: [fb.me/electerika](https://www.facebook.com/electerika), Twitter: [@erika4rep](https://twitter.com/erika4rep).